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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR UPGRADATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Union has provided financial assistance of Rs.450.00 crore for the upgradation of primary schools into middle schools and also for training of teachers and further strengthening the education infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the amount of assistance provided for the purpose and especially to the Rajiv Gandhi Primary Education Mission by the European Union?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b): As per the 1993 Financing Agreement between the European Commission (EC) and the Government of India (GoI), EC gave a grant of 150 million Euros (Rs.623.79 crores) for District Primary Education Programme, which is budgeted against 19 districts of Madhya Pradesh and provided through the Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission